

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 12 - 14 and the indication of allowability of claims of claims 15 - 18 and 20. Based on these findings of the Examiner, and the amendments made herein, this application is now in a condition for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 1-14, 16, 18, 19 and newly added claims 21 - 23. Claims 15, 17 and 20 have been cancelled.

Canceled claim 15 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations in claim 1, from which claim 16 previously depended. Canceled claim 17 has been incorporated into claim 2. Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations in claim 2, from which claim 18 previously depended. Canceled claim 20 has been incorporated into claim 7.

Newly added dependent claims 21 -23 depend directly or indirectly from claim 18, but otherwise correspond in wording exactly to original claims 4 - 6.

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Please charge deposit account no. 50-0510 in the amount of \$172 for two additional independent claims, and for any other additional fee required for the consideration of this paper. A duplicate of this last page is enclosed.

A Change Of Correspondence Address and an Associate Power of Attorney are also enclosed herewith.

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